CURRENT NEWS. WASHINGTON.

The joint committee on the organization of the Army has made its report, accompanied by a bill to effect the desired changes, to each House of Congress. The report is unanimous, there having been an arnest desire on the part of every member of the committee to arrive at a satisfactory and comprehensive measure. The scheme contemplates a considerable reduction in the number of officers, but the strength

The bill introduced by Senator Grover to regulate employment of labor on public works of the United States, prohibits employment of any person who is not a citizen of the United States, or who has not declared his intention to become a citizen, under possily of forfeiture by Government officer or contractor of all moneys paid, or conemployed in contravention of this prohibi-

The Committee on Banking and Currency will report a bill prohibiting the accumulatio'a of Government funds in National Banks. It is shown by the official record, according to Judge Buckner, Chairman of the Committee, that the First National Rank of New York had at one time over \$45,000,000, and has now fully \$20,000,000 in its vaults.

The Treasury Department, in order to stimulate sales of 4 per-cent. bonds, contemplates fixing commissions on subscription up to June 30, 1879, as follows: On subptions from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, oneeighth of one per cent.; from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000, one-fourth of one per cent.; and on amounts in excess of \$10,000,000, an addi-

The Secret-service Division of the Trea ary Department will, on the first of January, Secretary Hawiev.

It is reported that strenuous efforts ar ing made by the friends of ex-Postmaster Filley of St. Louis to defeat the confirmaion of Postmaster Hays.

The Senate has confirmed Aaron H. Cragin, of New Hampshire, John Coburn, of Indiana, and Marcellus L. Stearns, of Florila, to be Commissioners of Hot Springs, Ark.; Lewis Wallace, of Indiana, to be Governor of New Mexico, vice Sam'l A. Axtell, uspended under the Tenure-of-office act and Col. Randolph B. Maroy to be Inspec-tor-General of the Army, with rank of Brig-

The Senate Yellow Fever Committee has appointed Messrs. Harris, Matthews and Conover a sub-committee to visit Memphis during the holiday recess, and Messrs. Eustis, Lamar and Paddock to visit New Orleans at

The Committee on Banking and Currency, before adjournment, resolved to lay aside all bills before the Committee until the third Wednesday in January.

The House sub-committees to visit Mem

phis and New Orleans during the holiday ver are: Messrs, Garfield, Chittenden and Morse at Memphis, and Messrs. Gibson, Hooker and Young at New Orleans. The President, on the 19th, sent to the Sen

ate, by request of that body, a message, accompanied by reports of the Secretary of State and Postmaster-General, in reference to commercial and postal intercourse be-

Gen. Miles has offered a suggestion to th Congressional Indian Transfer Committee that the roving bands of Indians be turned over to the Army, to be governed by martial law, while the Indians on reservations

remain under the Indian Bureau. The President has nominated John P. Hayt, of Michigan, Associate Justice of

Charges against Judge Blodgett, of Chicago, have been presented to the House of Representatives, with a view of impeachment. On account of the gravity of the charges, Speaker Randall decided not to

make them public until after Congress re-Representative Alpheus S. Williams, of the Detroit, Mich., District, died in Washington on the 21st, and Representative Bev-

erly B. Douglas, of Virginia, died on the WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

A Minneapolis dispatch says Porter druggist, and Florence Wyckoff, aged 16 daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman at ing of the 14th, were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

The United States Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Supreme Court of gress. the State of Kansas in the case of the Kansas Pacific Railway Company versus the Missou-ri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company, involving the title to 90,000 acres of land in Kansas. The decision is in favor of the

Mr. B. H. Eddins, Judge of Elections at Bartlett, Tenn., has been convicted by the fraudulently stuffing a ballot-box with Democratic tickets at the last Presidential

Rudolph Fink, of Alexandria, Va., has been elected General Manager of the Mem-phis and Little Rock Railroad, vice Col. M Prichard, deceased.

Nine murders are reported to have been committed in Western Nebraska in a single week, and the Governor declares that owing

At Meridian, Texas, on the evening of Sunday, the loth, while most of the citizens were at church, a band of 50 masked men forcibly entered the jail and riddled with buck-shot two of the prisoners, Mont. and

On the 17th, as George Rowland was quiet he was met in the street by Sidney T. Hudson, who, deliberately raising a shot-gun, fired and shot Rowland dead. Hudson al-

block of small tenements at Fort Worth Texas, on the 16th. It was supposed he was murdered and the murderer set the house

Lee Armstrong, residing near Benson Ky., was out hunting with a man named Lillis, and while Lillis was attempting to climb a stone fence his gun accidentall went off, and the contents lodged in youn Armstrong's abdomes. He died in an hour

The total receipts of hogs at Kansas City. from January 1 to December 18, were 404,-989, against 193,360 for the same time last Since the opening of the beef packing there have been 14,613 head of cattle killed by packers and dressed-beef opera-

a reward of \$10,000 for the apprehension of the gang of villains who burned Ketchum fluence.

CHARITON COURIER.

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tion on the ground of adultery alone, has passed both houses. It has been

-At the Brighton Aquarium, Eng-land, they have a young sea lion named

Prince, which is getting too big to be agreeable. He enjoyed greatly playing with a crooked stick, which he would toss and catch dexterously, but when

he began throwing it at the heads of

visitors the keepers had to interfere. Then he amused himself by pulling the plug out of the tank and thus draining

all the water off. If the night-watch-

man does not keep a sharp eye on him, Prince climbs out of his tank every

-The Bavarian Government has sent

to the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and

Jewish congregations of the kingdom,

and to the sanitary officers of the chief cities, to ask their opinions in relation to cremation. The Roman Catholics

express an unqualified disapproval, the Jews decline to express any opinion, the Protestants say it would only necessitate a change in their liturgy, and the sanitary officials recommend it after battles during enidemics when the re-

battles, during epidemics, when the re-mains are to be sent to distant places,

—Bluebeard was a lock-smith belle-hanger.—N. Y. Mail.

ade will be over .- Graphic.

and a chair.

chewing club .-- Pic.

-When Edison has invented cheap

electricity, the charge of the light brig-

—To keep apples from rotting, put them in a cool place—where there is a large family of children.—Lowell Cou-

-There is no mistaking a real gen-

-Things are called by their right

-"Dipped into a weak solution of ac-

-The English language is wonderful

for its aptness of expression. When a

number of men and women get together

and look at each other from the sides of

a room—that's called a sociable. When

hungry crowd call upon a poor min-

ister and eat him out of house and home—that's called a donation party.

-Give me a cure for the toothache-

quick-said a sufferer. Place the ach-

ing tooth near the heels of a mule, and then touch off the animal. One touch

of a mule sets all nature to achin' and

relieves the patient too immediately sud-

den to think about. Don't give this away to every body, now.—Keokuk Con-

THE LOVE LODY MUSIC TRACHED

There's only one-sweet Sol (Such souls immortal La!) Can bring a blissful Re Of heav'nly hope to Mi! (—St. Louis Times Jo

that there ought to be a separate brand of Christmas sawdust. Meeting her boy

at the gate she asked if he had accom-

plished a certain errand, and receiving

Laughed Herself to Death.

One of the most extraordinary deaths

that Joshua had taken a quantity of

did not rave and get mad, but possibly

now be lying cold in death. Instead

she set out to a hearty laugh, going to

laughter continued for some time, there

laughed and laughed and laughed, her

presumed merriment getting more bois-

terous each moment. Finally the hus-

band became alarmed and sent out for

assistance, and soon his landlord, Dea-

con Henry Hazard, arrived, witnessing

in a few minutes the poor woman's departure, it is hoped, for the better land.

She had positively laughed herself to death. The husband's horror at this

extraordinary result of his innocent mis-

take can be better imagined than de-

scribed. He was warmly attached to

his young wife, and it is fitting, in draw-

ing the veil over this terrible scene, to

this his hour of trouble .- Providence (R.

A Trick of Heller's.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati

Robert Heller's skill in sleight-of-hand

tricks: "Lager-beer was the leading

beverage in the Cincinnati Sketch Club.

One day there were gathered some 70

gentlemen-artists, ministers, doctors,

poets, musicians, men of letters, in fact,

all professions were represented—when Heller announced the fact that he would make disappear a full glass of lager,

not by the usual method-that was, that

he would make disappear this glass and the beer, and it would be found in the

rear pocket of some one of those pres-

ent, and he would be unaware of its

presence. A moment! It was not in

Heller's hands, and where had it gone

Every eye was intent on Heller, and

erowding closely around the performer.

Mr. Samuel N. Pike, who was languidly

leaning against the mantel-shelf, smok-

ommercial tells the following story of

sympathy of scores of people in

say that they were both exceedingly worthy persons, and that the husband

has the

I.) Journal.

granulated sugar to salt the pork.

the spot where her husband was.

being not the least cessation.

Her eyes are like the Do, Most beautiful to Si,

-Turner's Falls Reporter.

tleman. When he approaches a free-

lunch table he always wants a napkin

disallowed by the Queen.

is now also used for making barrels. has passed both houses. It has been Straw pulp is run into a mold made in done several time before, but has been

—Maj. Henry Howell, of Sarnia, Canada, is claimed to have invented a new process of refining petroleum without the agency of heat. A sample manufactured from American petroleum of 45 gravity is stated to be a very brilliant belle hanger. N. V. Med.

000,000 per annum to the region, and names in Georgia. A party of young will settle the little differences now ex-

exclusive privilege of using this wonder-ful process. How the lighter parts of crude petroleum can, by a mere me-

also larger than the clay article. Paper

the shape of a half barrel, cut vertically.

The barrels are higher and two-thirds

will not sift out of them while in transit.

The staves are three-eighths of an inch

—Another form of type-setting ma-chine has been contrived by a German inventor. By means of a lever, which

is worked by a series of keys, some-thing like a piano, the letters are raised

out of a box in which they are kept,

and placed in a position fixed for them.

By employing a very simple mechanism, a second setting apparatus can be ad-justed, and by means of this arrange-

ment the sentence is twice set in the same time. The machine is said to

claim the advantage over all others of

the sort, of uncomplicated construction, so that it is not only easy to be worked, but performs the setting in a quick and correct manner. From all that appears, however, in relation to this machine, its office, in relation to the machine of the setting of the

chine, its efficacy is not likely to come into serious rivalry with hand composi-

and white oil of 48 gravity and 122 fire

test. The yield from the crude was 93

per cent. But the most extraordinary

ciaim for this process is not merely that

the means used are entirely mechanical,

but also that there is no production of gasoline or benzine, and the entire pro-duct is standard white illuminating oil,

far superior to the oil refined under old

methods. This new process, if what is

claimed for it be true, is just precisely what the producers have been looking for. It will be a saving of at least \$120,

isting between the producers and re-

finers-that is to say, if they secure the

chanical process, be retained so as to

stand a fire test of 122 degrees, is some-thing truly wonderful, and is simply

tion of a chemical compound. The full particulars of this extraordinary process will be looked forward to with deep in-

Haps and Mishaps.

-Warren S. Waite, a prominent citizen of Toledo, in a supposed fit of somnambulism left his bed and climbed out

upon the roof of a three-story building,

from which he fell to the ground, sus-

-A 5-year-old daughter of J. M. Gunkhouser, of East Palestine, O., fell

was fatally shot while fooling with a re

volver. He didn't know it was loaded

Nicholas County (Ky.) farmer, was

scalded to death by falling into a tub of

-A colored woman named Rena

Cason was burned to death at Robinson

Station, near Cynthiana, Ky. Her cloth-

-While engaged in coasting on the Wabash bluffs at Lafayette, Ind., the

other night, Mrs. M. J. Timberlake had

ly stunned and bruised that he lay un-

-Ben Plant, of Warfield, Iowa, under

took to pull his gun into the wagon by the muzzle. Both of his eves were shot

-A young son of Rev. Wm. Clay-

baugh, residing near Urbana, O., was fatally injured by falling under the

out and it was thought he would die.

onscious for several hours.

one of her ears nearly severed by a fly-ing sled, and her husband was so severe-haven't eh!

ing caught fire from an open grate.

-A little child of Green Fryman, a

kson, of Inwood,

equivalent to a mechanical decompo

terest by the entire trade.

taining fatal injuries.

boiling water.

cheaper than those of wood, and flour

and Mitchell alive, in Custer County, not

pleted to Gila City, 22 miles by stage from Yuma, but only fourteen and a half by the railroad. The grading and track-laying will average a mile per day to Maricopa, about 170 miles by the survey, but 191 by the stageroad. This will bring the road to that point (its temporary eastern terminus) by the early part of May. Tucson then will be withn 18 hours' stage-ride from the terminus, San Xavier within 20, and Santa Rita, with the famous Toltec and Aztec group of ruins, f the enlisted men is fixed at 25,000, with provision for a material increase if it should within 30 hours' ride, and the Mexican fron-

tier within the same time. Senator Thurman declines to be the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio. Miss Mattie Todd, a niece of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, is an applicant for the Postoffice at Cynthiana, Ky.

Cincinnati, suspended on the 18th. Liabilities \$780,000, and assets about \$400,000. The reditors are mostly Germans. The failure created great excitement, and will doubtless cause much financial distress among the

An aggravated case of grave robbery has recently occurred at Evansville, Ind., where Mrs. Frank M. Murphy discovered the body of her husband, which had been buried only few days previously, in the college dissecting-room, horribly mutilated, but still re-

At Cape Girardeau, Mo., on the evening of the 19th, Wash Ivers, a porter at the Franklin House, shot his wife and then himself. Both shots were instantly fatal. Imtemper ance and conjugal unhappiness was the

At Cleveland, O., on the 19th, Dr. Geo. W. Angier, a well known veterinary surreon, was shot and killed by a pistol in the hands of John W. Rice. The parties were intimate friends, and Rice claims that the hooting was accidental.

The great Illinois and St. Louis Bridge, built by Captain Eads at a cost of \$7,000,000, was sold at auction on the 20th, for \$2,000,-000. The purchaser was Mr. Anthony J. Thomas, of New York, acting as representative for the bondholders. A new com-pany has been organized, with Solon Humphreys, of New York, as President.

Ignatus Donnelly, Democrat, will contest the seat of W. D. Washburn, Republican, returned to Congress from the St. Paul,

At Nicholsonville, Ky., on the 21st, Chas Campbell stabbed James Hawkins in the arm and then cut his throat, causing death in three minutes. Campbell is a negro and was enraged at Hawkins because of the latter's interference in the procurement by Campbell of a license to marry a grass-widow. Campbell made his escape.

In a ten-pin alley at Crockett, Texas, on the 21st, W. A. Hall struck James H. Wall in the head with a ten-pin ball, fracturing his skull and causing death. The murderer was arrested and held in \$2,000 ball.

John W. Rice, who shot and killed, accidentally, as he claimed, his friend George The United States Treasurer expects to have, by the 1st of January, exclusive of all been arrested for murder. Angier lived attentions Mrs. that he had on several

d Mrs. Harrison and her three children in Kearney County, Neb., on Nov. 2 last, and subsc or, and then fled the State, was arrested at Mount Pleasant, O., his former residence, on the 21st, and has since been surtichards lived with Mrs. Harrison on the Nebraska farm and murdered her and her children in order to gain possession of her homestead. He secreted the remains of his ictims in a haystack, and there being no ear neighbors the murders were not discovered until the 9th of December, upon

At Fort Smith, Ark., on the 20th, John Postoaks, a Creek Indian, and James Diggs, a negro, were hanged on the same gallows. 1877, and Diggs murdered J. C. Gould in August, 1873.

The Indianapolis Savings Bank has suspended payment. It is claimed that all iness will ultimately be paid in full.

At Boston, on Sunday morning, the 15th, Charles Callahan shot his brother-in-law. Patrick Cain, four times while the latter was in bed, and afterward cut his own

Jack Kehoe, the acknowledged "King of the Mollie Maguires," was hanged at Potts-

Ex-Governor Curtin, of the Twentieth Pennsylvania District, has served a formal notice of contest on Yocum (Republican and National) for a seat in the next Con-

Henry E. Hoy, of the publishing firm of Galt & Hoy, New York, committed suicide ecently on account of financial trouble. The statement of the condition of the Massachusetts savings-banks shows a loss of deposits during the past year of \$27,500,

the 19th, Mrs. Menich was fatally burned while trying to extinguish the burning clothing of her young child. The latter was also burned to death.

At Cohoes, N. Y., on the night of the 19th, Patrick Rourke and his entire family of five

against Gen. Sheridan, on trial in the United States Circuit Court, at New York, brought in a verdict for the defendant. The suit was for the recovery of over \$400,000 for the seizure of the Littona plantation in St. Charles Parish, La., in August, 1867, and the ejectment of Whalen by military order of Gen. Sheridan, who was then military Governor, A motion will be made for a new trial.

The members of the Canvassing Board of Brevard County, Florida, have been indicted by the United States Grand Jury for making fraudulent returns, and are in tail The Grand Jury in the United States Cirmit Court has indicted R. W. Arnold, Henry Birdson and J. S. Ellis, for violation of the election laws in the election of Peter W. Robinson, United States Supervisor of Election, from voting precincts at Waverly Sta-

A sensational report comes by cable of the iscovery of important evidence bearing upon the recent attempted assassinations in which it would appear that the individual assassinators were only the tools of a Communistic society, having its headquarters in Switzerland, the object of which is, after etting all the Kings and Emperors out of the way, to set up a universal European Re public, based upon the most radical Combe composed of men of intelligence nad brains-professors, scholars and politicians est societies of the various countries in Gerber, of Nebraska, has offered | Europe, and even the armies are suspected

of the death of the Priness Alice.

the Home Secretary, ansvering the inquiry whether it was true, as reported, that we distress as this generation has never known," acknowledged he distress to be great, but thought the pported suffering xaggerated. Nevertheles, distress-meet ings were being held at all the large cities

seeking to provide means for relief. Near Gallipoli, the afterioon of the 19th, he steamer Byzantin, from Marseilles for Constantinople, sank in a celision, and 150 lives were lost. Of 164 persons on board, 14 only escaped.

It was officially telegraphet from Berlin,

the United States to Germay, died at 4 o'clock that afternoon. The faal symptom came on suddenly. He had ben out of bed and was transacting business with officials of the American Legation the previous day. His death was peaceful and paidess. The funeral of the late Princess Alic

ook place at Darmstadt on th 18th. The Prince of Wales and Prince Lopold were resent as Representatives of Queen Victoria. The city put on a general sppcarance of mourning. In London, mute-guns were fired in the parks during be funeral

It is officially reported that astructions Ameer has fled, leaving his set, Takoob Khan, in power. The British fores are advancing from Jellalabad.

The loss of life by the sinkin; of the steamer Byzantin was fortunatey not so great as at first reported. The stamer Ri-naldo, with which she collided, his arrived at Constantinople, and her captan reports 0 persons saved from the sinking essel. The Imperial Government has addressed :

letter of condolence to the Legation of the United States at Berlin, expressing profound regret at the death of Bayard Taybr. The wspapers publish leading articlesculogistic of the late Minister. The funeral services took place on Sunday the 22d, with inposing peremonies. The remains will be transported Great excitement exist in St. Peteriburg

on account of the Government efforts to suppress meetings of students. The lecture halls have been closed, and all meetings are prohibited, in the universities as vell as outside. The carrying of arms is prohibited except by express authorization.

The Duke of Cumberland and the Princes Thyra, of Denmark, were married with great pomp at the chapel of Christiansborg Castle, Copenhagen, on the evening of the

GENERAL.

Gold sold at par in New York on Dec. 17, for the first time since the suspension of specie payments in 1872. Lieut.-Col. B. S. Alexander, senior efficer of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., died in San

Francisco on the 16th, aged 59. The failures are announced of Fox, Walker & Co., of the Atlas Engine Works, Bristol, Eng., with liabilities of £60,000; of Zubind & Co., iron ore importers, of Cardiff Wales, and Newport, Eng., and of Hirsch Stockholm, with 3,000,000 crowns liabilities The President has nominated L. Bradford Prince, New York, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico; Augustus J. Cassard, Louisiana, Consul at

correspondent of the New York Times, and later Consul-General to Mexico, died of consumption at the City of Mexico on the

tion with the Berlin mission, made vacant by the death of Bayard Taylor, are ex-Minister Washburne and Judge Lawrence, of Illinois, and Gov. Hartranft, of Pennsylrania. It is understood that George W. Curtis, of New York, could have the mis-

Governor Anthony, of Kansas, during his recent visit to Washington, secured the asthe State authorities of the Cheyenne Chiefs who instigated the recent massacres. He also succeeded in securing from the Secretary of War additional troops for the pro-

sage of the Consular and Diplomatic Appro priation bill, and the House bill changin the time for holding terms of the Unite the time for holding terms of the Uniter States Circuit Court for the District of Wes Virginia, consideration was resumed of Mr Blaine's resolution regarding the constitutional rights of citizens. Mr. Blaine's mendment authorizing the committee to take testimony and to administer oaths and visit any portion of the country when such its may in their judgment facilitate the object of the incurrence. In the Senate, on the 18th, the House bill

giving twenty condemued cannon to the Cus louse joint resolution appropriating \$50,00

In the Senate, on the 19th, the House bill appropriating \$450,000 for the transportation of mails by railroads passed; also the House will to amend the act of June 23, 1878, and to bill to amend the act of June 25, 1878, and to fix the rate of interest on bonds authorize by said act to be issued by Commissioner of the District of Columbia and foother purposes...... In the House, Mr. J. G. Young took the seat made vacant by the death of J. L. Leonard, of the Fifth Louisian District. The Indian Appropriation in passed after an amendment prohibiting the removal of Indians of Arizona and New Mexicot to the Indian Territory.

to January 7, 1879..... In the House, bills an thorizing payment to the State of Teamesses for keeping United States military prisoners; constituting Portsmouth, O., a port of delivery, and removing the political disabilities.

—A young officer thought to puzzle the delitor of Le Figuro by asking him when two men of equal age and rank met which should be the first to bow. The editor calling for the bricks are said to be exceedingly counted States in any National bank from payment to the States of Teamesses, and the said in favor of tobacco would for some time. The object is to preserve eggs in such a manner that they will be useful for cooking at any time and in any climate. The business is entirely export, chiefly to England.

—A manufactory of paper bricks has been opened somewhere in Wisconsin. The editor calmly replied, "The more political than the payment of the said in favor of tobacco would for some time. The object is to preserve eggs in such a manner that they will be useful for cooking at any time and in any climate. The business is entirely export, chiefly to England.

—A manufactory of paper bricks has been opened somewhere in Wisconsin. The bricks are said to be exceedingly durable and moisture proof. They are o January 7, 1879 In the House, bills an-

Parliament has adjourned until Feb. 13
after passing, without division, Earl Stanhope's resolution for he defrayal of the expenses of the Afghan war from the Indian revenues.

The English Court has been ordered to go into full mourning for ix weeks on account of the death of the Priness Alice.

Alarming destitution prevails throughout the Island of Grea Britain. In the House of Commons, on the night of the 18th, the Home Secretary, ansvering the inquiry

March, 1876, to the present time. The letter states that there were no balances on loan accounts standing to the credit of the United States Treasurer in any National Bank from March, 1876, to January, 1878, to January, 1878, to December, 1878. The banks which held such balances had been made depositories under the law. The large balance held by the First National Bank, New York, was caused by the temporary deposits of the proceeds of 4½ per cent. bonds and large subscriptions of that bank to the 4-per cent. loan. After some little discussion, the House adjourned to January 7.

Concerning Rubies.

The ruby is so called from the redness which commonly characterizes this exquisite gem. Like the sapphire and the oriental topaz, it belongs to the class styled corundum, the members of which are alike in composition, though different in color and quality. The true ruby, or red sapphire, is said to be the most valuable of gems when of large size, good color, and free from fault, so that t exceeds even the diamond in value on the 19th, that Bayard Tayor, Minister of It is harder than any other known substance except the diamond, which alone among precious stones it will not cut. It is susceptible of electricity by friction, and retains it for some hours; it also possesses double refraction in a slight Occasionally specimens are asteriated, as in the case of what are known as star sapphires. Though it can not be fused by itself, in combination with a flux it may be melted into a clear glass. Mr. Streeter describes its color as earmine, cochineal, or pigeon's blood, and rosebud, often with a play of

The finest rubies are found in Ava, It is officially reported that astructions have been sent to the Russian Mission at Cabul to withdraw. It is rumore that the Samatra, and some places on the continent of Europe. The Burmese mines have long been famous; the working of them is a royal monopoly, and the King has, among other titles, that of lord of the rubies. The Brazilian ruby is declared to be a pink topaz, inferior to the true ruby, yellow in its natural state, and colored artificially. It is, unfortunately, beyond the power of ordinary chasers to pronounce any critical opin-ion upon rubies, except as regards their appearance, size and color, the best being that known as pigeon's blood, which is a pure, deep, rich red, quite free from

Speaking of the value of the ruby, Mr. Emanuel observes that the rare occurnce of the desired vivid pigeon's blood color in a ruby of any size causes the prices to increase in an even greater proportion than the diamond. stones of the finest quality he supplies the following valuations: One carat is worth £14 to £20; one and a half, £25 to £35; two, £70 to £80; and three, £200 to £250; four, £400 to £450. Under one carat, the price ranges from £2 to £8 per carat, and over four carats what is called a fancy price is commanded.

Mr. Streeter states that when a fect ruby of five carats is brought into the market, a sum several times as great same weight will be bid for it; if it reaches seven carats it is almost invalu-

Yet rubies of much greater size are in existence. An Indian prince had one of near 24 carats, and it was bought for 156 pounds weight in gold. Catharine large as a pigeon's egg; and there is said to have been one in Paris which weighed 1064 carats. That of Catharine appears to be still in the Russian treasu Others might be mentioned, especi ally that among the French crown jewels, with outstretched wings. The first specimens, of course, are the monopoly of princes and persons with princely

fortunes. Even these may, neverthe less, be sometimes deceived, for we are told that two large stones shown as ru bies among her Majesty's jewels at the exhibition of 1862 are simply spinels, and therefore neither rare nor precious. Rubies may be faulty, in other words, may have flaws, spees, a silky or milky appearance, or a tint which is too dark, or too light. But fashion goes for something, and violet or pale colored rubies may sometimes rise very much in value. The least liable to fluctuation are those

of the renowned pigeon's blood hue. The best rubies are usually cut in the mixed or half brilliant style, but when silky, imperfect, or asteriated, they will with en cabochen, or with a

rounded top, like carbuneles. Imitations of the rubles are made, and for a time look well, and even real rubies of small size have been produced

in groups, or in junction with other precious stones. Few jewels have a more admirable appearance than those in which a large ruby is surrounded by diamonds. When set round with pearls of fine quality the effect is also admirable though some object to it, as they say the red of the rubies detracts from the more quiet luster of the pearls. We do tion with the emerald, the sapphire, or other colored gems .- London Court

Smokers.

Robert Hall is said to have preached his most eloquent sermons after smok-Dr. Parr, who sometimes smoked twenty pipes in one evening, and "never wrote well except under the inspiration of tobacco." According to Bishop Kennet, Thomas Hobbes, the philosopher of Malmesbury, retired to his study every day after dinner, and had his candle and ten or twelve pipes of tobacco laid by him; then, shutting his door, he fell to smoking, thinking, and writing for several hours, and although such an exessive smoker, he lived to the good old age of ninety-and-two. All knew how the great Sir Isaac Newton smoked and how, on one occasion, in a moment of profound abstraction, he placed the little finger of his "lady-love" into the hot bowl of his pipe, in place of a tobacco stopper. Thomas Carlyle smokes, as do Tennyson and many other eminent men. Campbell, Byron, and Lord Eldon were moderate smokers, and frequently bore testimony to the comfort of tobacco. Walter Scott was a great smoker; so was Lord Palmerson-and the use of the weed did not shorten his days. We wish we could aportance was transacted. An executive say so much for Charles Lamb, "the gentle Ella," who toiled after it as some men toil after virtue. To say all that

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Personal and Literary. -John Russell Young will arrange Gen. Grant's account of his travels for

-Ex-Senator Alexander Ramsey has presented his private library to the Min-nesota Historical Society.

-James E. Anderson, of Louisiana elebrity, has taken the city editorship of the Eureka (Nevada) Sentinel. -Buffalo Bill has made, it is reported.

about \$135,000 on the stage, most of which he has invested in cattle, having in all 6,300 head. -Li Kwei, a Chinaman, who visited this country under Government orders during the Centennial, has put his ex-

periences into four volumes -Maria Fechter, daughter of Charles Fechter, is said to be a charming actress. She has taken to the dramatic stage, the weakness of her voice obliging her to give up the opera.

-Mme. Nilsson will be installed as Grand Mistress of the ancient charitable Masonic order of the "Eastern Star," which is composed of ladies of rank and distinction whose husbands belong to

-Miss Helen M. McDonald argued her own case about an infringement of her patent for an improved dress pro-tector in the United States Court in Boston the other day, Gen. Butler being one of the opposing counsel.

—Mr. Joseph Jefferson, the actor, finds time amid his numerous theatrical engagements to indulge his taste for art. He has recently finished two pictures which are pronounced by competent critics to excel his previous efforts.-New York Tribune. -Ameer Shere Ali can not read, but

accumulated much information from conversation with his attendants. who have been better educated than himself, and through a clerk, whom he has maintained for many years, to translate articles from the English newspapers of India. His ideal man is Napo--The drunkenness of Edgar Aller

Poe was under discussion by a Richmond temperance society. A speaker dwelt on the poet's disgraceful death. Dr. Mason, who attended him in his last illness, replied: "He died like a gentleman. For days before his death he utterly refused stimulants of all kinds to allay his nervous excitement, and died a sober man, truly penitent for his past career." -It was rumored that Burbank, of the New Orleans Picayune, was to write

a book on yellow fever, entitled "Jack and I." Referring to this, he says: "I have no intentions of writing a book of any sort, much less on the subject of yellow fever. Of that I have had enough. Its record is written in this After all, perhaps it may be said of rubies in general, that when they exceed one carat in weight no definite price garments and sorrowful faces. There city on 4,000 new graves, on vacant into an uncovered cistern and was dead chairs, in broken family circles, on sable before her fate was discovered.

School and Church -President McCosh, of Princeton College, in his address before the Princeton alumni at Pittsburg lately, said that during the last ten years he had received in donations of various \$2,500,000 from unknown sources.

ville, Ind., on Sunday, Elder Burgess of Butler University illustrated the immorality of the times by the remark that "formerly one sermon converted 3,000 persons, while now it takes 3,000 sernons to convert one sinner." -The girls are bound to come to the front. Lina Berger, a young Swiss lady, has just taken the degree of Doctor of

-In a sermon preached at Conners

losophy at Berne University, after a brilliant examination, and two other ladies, American and Austrian, have pass ed as Doctors of Medicine. -A remarkable revival of religion is going on at Fall River, Mass. dreds of men and women, with some children, have been converted, including some of the most intelligent of the population. On the streets, in offices,

are occurring-religion is the universal topic of conversation. -This is the way our Sunday-school children are sometimes taught to sing. The verse is a sample from a new book

ops, banks, stores, mills, conversion

I love to see my teacher's smile I love my classmates, too; I love to learn my lessons, while I've nothing else to do.

The love of learning, according to this, is something that will do to sandwich in between hours for which there is real employment. The children who sing this rubbish are not supposed to make a business of study. They study only be cause they have nothing else to do. The Superintendents and choristers who inluce this sort of hymnology into their Sunday-schools can not be too severely censured. Better fill up the time by singing "Grandfather's Clock," or

"Johnny Morgan." -The Cologne Gazette says that committee of experts having examined the document known as "Luther's Will," which is in the possession of the Protestant Church in Pesth, has declared it authentic. The document found its the learned theologian, John Benedict Carpzoino, to Hungary, and came into hands of a private collector, a rich proprietor named Jankovicks, from whom the Archduchess Maria Dorothea obtained it for 400 golden guldens. She presented it to the Protestant Church in Posth, in whose archives it has since lain, nobody being positively certain that it was authentic. It is henceforth opher of to be deposited in a special case in the

National Museum at Pesth.

Science and Industry -Charles Francis Adams has bought land at Kansas City, Mo., worth \$40,000 and will build there a cotton mill and cottages for the workmen.

-Nine samples of snour were recent. ly analyzed at Richmond, Va., and only three found sufficiently free from mine al salts to be wholesome. -Diamond Creamery, at Monticello

Iowa, took the first prize, \$100 in gold

at the International Dairy Convention,

New York, on sweepstakes, and firs prize, \$50, for best butter. -M. Dutertre, of the School of Agriculture at Gregnon, France, has invent ed a sucking apparatus with india rub ber teats for bereaved lambs, who are thus fed, greatly to their satisfaction, four times a day.

-An American egg-preserving com-pany has been established at Shanghai

-Will Breeding, residing near Tay-lorville, Bartholomew County, Ind., fatally shot himself while out gunning. -Dr. L. K. Brigham, of Aurora, Ill., was seriously, if not fatally burned, by the explosion of an alcohol stove over which he was preparing some medicine. Foreign Notes. cupboard for the purpose of obtaining salt with which to make brine for the -During the academic year of 1877-8, there were 5,035 students at the medical school of Paris.

-Of the thousand volunteers who acompanied Garibaldi in his capture of it on the meat. His wife, Rosa, being Sicily in 1860, 734 are still living, of about her household duties, did not nowhom 627 are pensioned by the State; tice what her husband was about, but whom 627 are pensioned by the State; only 119 were killed in war; the rest died "natural deaths." tice what her husband was about, but when she came down from the chambers made the discovery almost immediately

- "More hopelessly corrupt than even the provincial administrations, the Government at Pekin and the household of the Emperor grow fat on these extortions, and every attempt to place them under restraint meets with a frown." such is the North-China Herald's opinon of its rulers. -The European residents of Hong Kong have not yet got over their alarm caused by the attack from a band of

and his forces to take steps to prevent way, with a number of manuscripts of any similar occurrence. The heathen Chinee claims to be in a majority in those parts. -The English marine magistrate the port of Singapore is a judicial per-son of musole. He lately sprang from his bench and soundly thrashed a submagistrate sitting with him; the next day he dragged a reporter out of Court by the collar, and his only virtue, ap-parently, is the impartiality with which

Chinese pirates on the night of Septem-

e abuses every shipmaster who comesbefore him. -A commission, composed of experts, will meet in Berlin during the Easter holidays to decide on the measures to be taken for the compulsory teaching of drawing in the

-The electric light will make a valuable saving of coal in England. According to a very careful estimate made a few years ago, the quantity consumed in gas making was set down at 6,560,-000 tons, against a production of coal of 114,300,000 tons.

-Missions have done a great deal for Samoa. Thirty-six years ago, when Christianity began to be preached in that island, the population numbered about 34,000, and all were idolaters. The population under the sway of Christian institutions, has increased to 80,-000, and all are nominal, and the greater part professed, Christians. A theological seminary graduates 60 students a year, and 20 missionaries have been sent out to neighboring islands.

-In England a woman can obtain a ing, and quite unconcerned, some 20 decree of what is called judicial separa- feet away, put his hand in his coattion from her husband on the ground of pocket (as we all did, not knowing but his adultery, but not a decree of divorce that each was the victim) and withdrew unless desertion or cruelty can be proved as well. In New South Wales an act giving her the right to sue for dissolu-

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Chariton Courier.

Sensations of an Editor When Nigh Un-to Death.

The editor of the Gardiner (Me.) Journal has recently had a narrow escape from death, his horse running away as he hung in the wheel. He thus describes his sensations: "Oh, can't some of my spirit friends do something to help me out of this scrape?" beseechingly I said or thought. It was a prayer not laid down in the books, and perhaps the form was not staid nor formal. Short as it was it did me good. I saw then crowds of spirits around me—part of whom I knew. "I do not see what they can do," I thought, and as they seemed to hover round the front part of the wagon, and over the horse, I wonthe wagon, and over the horse, I won-dered how they kept up with him. Then I thought perhaps they'll take the old horse's strength away—but I couldn't see very clearly how they were to do this—for old Robin was a hard custom-er to 'dematerialize.' I probably should have lived but a few seconds longer. The reins had worn off upon the wheel just when my strength was all gone just when my strength was all gone. Had I died, people would pityingly have said it was a horrible death—but really suffered very little. All the pain l have had up to now has not been equal to what I suffered last summer in a day from the bite of an insect. The shock was such that my nerves of sensation were be-numbed. I had no fear; in fact, there was a physical sort of feeling that was a bundle about three feet long, with a sort of handle to it (which was my left leg probably), that was bouncing along over the ground, which I was trying to untangle. Then there was another self who had to take care of the wheel, untangle the rein, take hold of old Robin, yell to the dog, and attend to matters generally; while the third self seemed to do the thinking, and I kind of liked that one the best. I had often heard that in such crises as these one's whole life passes in review before him, and I thought of that fact, but I had no such experience. I had only one regret for deeds done or left undone, and that was that I had neglected my usual custom of taking accident tickets, and this regret I felt ashamed of. My only thought was of my wife. The knowledge that I have faced death unflinchingly is not without satisfaction to me, and there is a something that I feel, which I can not describe, that assures me that there were more powerful influences than my own aiding, comforting and sustaining me. My religious friends will say it was the Good Father, and it matters not what we call it—the feeling is the same. I do not feel of sufficient consequence to merit God's special providence, but that loving friends from the other sphere may have comforted and sustained me is not repugnant to my common sense. a something that I feel, which I can not is not repugnant to my common sense, and does not lessen my idea of the good-

Fighting Actresses.

ness and greatness of the Creator

Squabbles between actresses are not of rare occurrence, especially in Paris. Neither are they of particularly modern growth. Even duels have been fought by the "queens of tragedy," and duel--A wor an living on Brush Street ling apparently has thrived nearly as spent an hour on Woodward Avenue well in the theatrical as in the journalyesterday, gazing at the signs of istic profession of France. It may be 'Christmas toys,' "Christmas candies," and Christmas every thing else, and went home thoroughly convinced resses in the history of the stage. Mile. interesting gossip to relate some of the noted "meetings" between angry act-resses in the history of the stage. Mile. Beaupre, one of the first women who appeared on the French stage, and who was attached to the troupe of the Maraes until 1669, at which date she passed to a negative reply called out: "You haven't eh! Well, now, you travel along or I'll give you a regular Christmas cowhiding!"—Detroit Free Press. itself. La Beaupre sent for two pointed the affair a joke; but it proved a serio one, for La Beaupre wounded her in the neck, and would have killed her had that ever was chronicled in this city occurred yesterday, and is to day the talk in 1649. In the eighteenth century of the town. The circumstances are as follows: Mr. Joshua Walker is a read Mile. Theodore, a celebrated danseus and Mile. Beaumesall, a singer, both of spectable colored man, residing on Fill- the opera, had a meeting at the spectable colored man, residing on Fillmore Street, and married a short time since a young woman of excellent character, and who was not quite 20 years of age. Joshua proved a worthy husband, always looking after the household comforts. Day before yesterday he purchased some fresh pork, which he purchased some fresh pork, which he coming intended to salt down for the coming tols. As they were making ready, Rey, cold weather. Yesterday he went to the the basso of the same theater, met them and exhausted his eloquence in trying to salt with which to make brine for the pickling, and took from a jar what he presumed was the required article, thereafter proceeded to the cellar to use it on the meat. His wife, Rosa, being about her household duties, did not notice whether household was about her hous other. In 1820 two danseuses fought with buttoned foils, but so furiously that the result came near being fatal The quarrel was about a rich Swedish Count-or, rather, his dog, both ladies coveting the solid gold collar. The fa-mous Mdlle. Moupin, before she experienced religion, was the most daring

had an encounter, but only with nature's weapons-tongues and talons. How Chance Made a Marine Picture.

fought three men, whom she vanquished.

Insulted by Dumesnil, an actor of the opera, she donned male attire and waited for him on the Place des Vic-

toirs. On his refusal to cross swords,

the lady gave him a severe caning. In

late years, Leah Silly and Hortense

Schneider, the original Grand Duchess

scapes, and common scenes-familiar phenomena as they are -always excite wonder, and often cause one to ponder on the mysterious chance which makes these pictures in the regular outline of a careful design. But the ephemeral frost is not the only material employed by the unseen artist, as witness a ma-rine view on wood which can be seen at Mr. Calvin Hervey's jewelry store. It looks like an old oil painting; no one would for a moment suppose that it was a chance picture, but such it really is. It was discovered recently by Mr. Hervey when he had the partitions removed from a drawer which he has used to keep tools in for twenty-five years. The scratching of the implements as they rattled around in the drawer, the action of the oil which mingled with the rust turned green, the dust and grime of a quarter of a century, all had combined to paint on these pine board par-titions a tolerable good sketch, in dull colors, of the ocean with three vessels sailing on its bosom, and in the distance a headland with a light-house Mr. Hervey has had the picture framed in gilt, and it hangs over his repairing bench, ready for the close inspection of doubting Thomases, or any one else.

On Thanksgiving Day Messrs. Joseph Smith, of Burlington, Edwin Henderson, of New Hartford, and Douglass Wil-